

A SOLEMN
LEAGUE AND
COVENANT
FOR
REFORMATION,
AND
Defence of Religion, the Ho-
nour and Happines of the King,
the Peace and Safety of the three
K I N G D O M E S,
O F
Scotland, England, and Ireland.

JER. 50. 5. Come, and let us joine our selves to the LORD,
in a perpetuall Covenant, that shall not be forgotten.

PROV. 25. 5. Take away the wicked from before the King, and
his throne shall be established in righteousness.

2 CHRON. 15. 15. And all Judah rejoiced at the Oath: for
they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their
whole desire, and he was found of them; and the LORD
gave them rest round about.

Die Jovis, 21. Sept. 1643. It is this day Orde-
red by the Commons in Parliament, That this
Covenant be forthwith Printed and published,
H. Elsynge Cler. Parl. D. Com

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The solemn League and Covenant.

WE E Noblemen, Barons, Knights, Gentlemen, Citizens, Burgesſes, Miniſters of the Goſpel, and Commons of all ſorts in the Kingdoms of *Scotland, England, and Ireland*, by the providence of God, living under one King, and being of one reformed Religion, Having before our eyes the glory of God, and the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, the Honour and Happineſſe of the Kings Maieſtie, and his Poſteritie, and the true publick Liberty, Safety, and peace of the Kingdomes, wherein every ones private condition is included; And calling to minde the treacherous and bloody Plots, Conſpiracies, Attempts, and Practiſes of the Enemies of God, againſt the true Religion, and Profeſſours thereof in all places, eſpecially in theſe three Kingdomes ever ſince the Reformation of Religion, and how much their rage, power and preſumption are of late and at this time increaſed and exerciſed whereof the deplorable eſtate of the Church and Kingdom of *Ireland*, the diſtreſſed eſtate of the Church and Kingdom of *England*, and the dangerous eſtate of the Church and Kingdom of *Scotland* are preſent and publick teſtimonies; We have now at laſt (after other means of Supplication, Remonſtrance Proreſtations and Sufferings) for the preſervation of our ſelves, and our Religion from utter ruine and deſtruction, according to the commendable practice of theſe Kingdoms in former times, and the example of Gods People in other nations, after mature deliberation, reſolved & determined to enter into a mutual & ſolemn League and Covenant:

nant : Wherein we all subscribe, and each one of us for himself, with our hands lifted up to the most high God do swear

1. **T**hat we shall sincerely, really and constantly through the grace of God, endeavour in our severall places and callings, the preservation of the Reformed Religion in the Church of Scotland in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government, against our common enemies; The Reformation of Religion in the Kingdoms of England and Ireland, in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government, according to the Word of God, and the example of the best Reformed Churches; And shall endeavour to bring the Churches of God in the three Kingdoms to the nearest conjunction and Uniformity in Religion, Confession of Faith, Form of Church-government, Directory for Worship and Catechizing; That we and our posterity after us, may, as Brethren, live in Faith and Love, and the Lord may delight to dwell in the midst of us.

2. That we shall in like maner, without respect of persons, endeavour the extirpation of Popery, Prelacy (that is, Church government by Archbishops, Bishops, their Chancellors and Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-deacons, and all other Ecclesiasticall Officers depending on that Hierarchy) Superstition, Heresie, Schism, Prophaneesse, and whatsoever shall be found to be contrary to sound Doctrine, and the Power of Godlinesse; Lest we partake in other mens sins, and thereby be in danger to receive of their plagues; and that the Lord may be one, and his Name one in the three Kingdoms.

3. We shal with the same sincerity, reality and constancy, in our severall vocations, endeavour with our estates and lives mutually to preserve the rights and Priviledges of the Parliaments, and the Liberties of the Kingdoms; and to preserve and defend the Kings Majesties Person and Authority, in the preservation and defence of the true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingdoms; That the world may bear witness with our consciences of our Loyalty, and that wee have no thoughts or intentions to diminish his Majesties just power and greatnesse.

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4. We shall also with all faithfulness endeavour the discovery of all such as have been, or shall be Incendiaries, Malignants, or evill instruments, by hindering the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his people, or one of the Kingdoms from another, or making any faction, or partie amongst the people contrary to this League and Covenant. That they may be brought to publick trial, and receive condigne punishment, as the degree of their offences shall require or deserve, or the supreme Judicatories of both Kingdomes respectively, or others having power from them for that effect, shall judge convenient.

5. And whereas the happinesse of a blessed Peace between these Kingdoms denied in former times to our Progenitors, is by the good Providence of God granted unto us, and hath been lately concluded, and serled by both Parliaments. We shall each one of us, according to our place and interest, endeavor that they may remain conjoined in a firm Peace and Union to all Posteritie, And that Justice may be done upon the wilfull Opposers thereof, in manner expressed in the precedent Article.

6. Wee shall also according to our places and callings in this common Cause of Religion, Liberty, and Peace of the Kingdomes, assist and defend all those that enter into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining and pursuing thereof; And shall not suffer our selves directly or indirectly by whatsoever combination, perswasion or terrour, to be divided and withdrawn from this blessed Union and conjunction, whether to make defection to the contrary part or to give our selves to a detestable indifferency, or neutrality in this Cause which so much concerneth the glory of God, the good of the Kingdoms, and honour of the Kings. But shall all the dayes of our lives zealously and constantly continue therein, against all opposition, and promote the same according to our power, against all Lets and Impediments whatsoever; And what we are not able our selves to suppress or overcome, we shall reveat and make knowne, that it may be timely prevented or removed: All which we shall do as in the sight of God.

And, because these Kingdoms are guilty of many sins, and provocations against God, and his Son Jesus Christ, as is too manifest by our present distresses and dangers, the fruits thereof, We profess and declare before God and the world, our unfained desire to be humbled for our own sins, and for the sins of these Kingdoms, especially that we have not, as we ought, valued the inestimable benefit of the Gospel, that we have not laboured for the purity and power thereof, and that we have not endeavoured to receive Christ in our hearts, nor to walk worthy of him in our lives, which are the causes of other sins and transgressions so much abounding amongst us, And our true and unfained purpose, desire, and endeavour for our selves, and all others under our power and charge, both in publick, and in private, in all duties we ow to God and man, to amend our lives, and each one to go before another in the example of a reall Reformation; That the Lord may turn away his wrath, and heavy indignation, and establish these Churches and Kingdoms in Truth and Peace. And this Covenant we make in the presence of Almighty God the Searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to performe the same, As we shall answer at that great Day when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed; Most humbly beseeching the Lord, to strengthen us by his holy Spirit for this end, and to blesse our desires, and proceedings with such successe, as may be deliverance and safety to his people, and encouragement to other Christian Churches groaning under, or in danger of the yoke of Antichristian Tyrannie, to join in the same, or like Association and Covenant, To the glory of God, the enlargement of the Kingdome of Jesus Christ, and the peace and tranquility of Christian Kingdoms, and Common wealths.

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